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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP99/08030**, filed on October 22, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98830655.1, filed on October 29, 1998 and of US Provisional Application No. 60/111,115, filed December 4, 1998.

1. Application - 24 pages, including 1 independent claim and 22 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment, including Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Dated April 27, 2001, and abstract of the Disclosure (1 page).
3. Drawings - 5 sheets of formal drawings containing 14 figures.

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4. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98830655.1, filed on October 29, 1998.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
6. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/26041 with English abstract.
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